

SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT WORKERS

Employers of Washington Plan to Make it a Real Christmas.

Washington employers are going to play Santa Claus to their employees, and the consensus of opinion among proprietors of stores and other business enterprises in Washington points to making the Yuletide season this year a real after-the-holiday Christmas.

The employees of S. Kann and Sons will receive a week's salary. Woodward and Lothrop's decline calling the bonuses to be distributed December 24 Christmas gifts. They term them "extra compensation." Persons in their employ since December 1 will receive a week's extra salary; since January 1, of this year, two weeks' extra salary and those who have been with the firm more than two years will receive from 5 per cent of the "extra compensation" to 50 per cent for those who have been in the employ of the firm for twenty years. This store has seventy-six employees who have been with the firm for a decade.

The bank clerk who counts out the greenbacks to finance the annual shopping tour will receive a goodly sized gift as an appreciation of his services in local banks. It was whispered by bank officials yesterday.

The street car conductor who takes your fare as you ride home loaded down with purchases need not look with envy on the packages whose mystery is uncovered Christmas morning. The Washington Railway and Electric Company last year gave its employees dinner and it is rumored it may make this year's Christmas remembrance a more substantial one.

Other Washington business firms were unable to make plans for giving their employees Christmas presents but nearly all admitted they had such plans in mind but were guarding them as a great "secret."

SEIZE BRIDAY PARTY AS JEWELRY BANDITS

New York, Dec. 13.—A few hours after they were married in the Borough Hall, Brooklyn, George Brandon, 29, and his bride, Marion, 29, were seized by police on their way to the wedding reception at the Hotel Hamilton.

Brandon, 29, was charged with the theft of four diamond rings, valued at \$2,100, from the jewelry store of Armin Hollinger, at 111 Third avenue, on December 4.

According to the police, Miss Lulu, who became Mrs. Lamine, entered the jewelry store and asked to be shown some diamond rings. She took four of the rings, the police say, and she wanted to see what they looked like in the light in front of the store. Suddenly the door was opened by a man who was identified as Lowe, and she ran out and jumped into an automobile which sped away.

ALEXANDRIA COUNTY.

At the hearing before Judge Brent last Monday on the question of incorporation of Clarendon, an unexpected opposition developed on the part of the residents of the western part of the town, who, through their attorney, succeeded in having the hearing postponed until the second day of the February term. There were 453 signatures to the petition for incorporation and the Citizens' Association anticipates no difficulty in convincing the court of the necessity for incorporation.

Charles F. Harrison, former mayor of Leesburg, and one of the foremost lawyers of Northern Virginia, representing the association. The only result of the opposition was to delay the beginning of the improvement for two months. Many new citizens have paid their poll taxes, which were due December 8, as the result of a circular letter mailed to all residents by Secretary O. L. Briggs, and there will be a large increase in the voting strength of Clarendon precinct at the next election, when the question of incorporation and issuance of bonds will be decided, provided the petition is authorized by the court.

Joseph A. Oliver, president of the Georgetown Citizens' Association, was present at the last meeting of the Clarendon Association, and gave a report on the work of his association, promising co-operation in securing improvements to the Aqueduct Bridge and approaches, at the present time an eyesore to the county.

The question of land assessment for 1920 was gone into fully and a committee composed of Messrs. A. F. Harrison, Ashton, Jones, Arthur, D. Langley and A. P. Payne were appointed to visit the board of supervisors to recommend a higher assessment and a corresponding reduction in rate. While no particular candidate for assessor was endorsed this matter will also have the attention of the association.

The Cherrydale Junior football team defeated the Livingston Heights eleven Saturday by a score of 13 to 6.

The hunting season for Alexandria County will close December 15. Game has been reported plentiful and hunters have enjoyed a good season.

The monthly meeting of the alumni of Ballston schools will be held on Friday, the 19th.

Sheriff-elect A. F. Clements, who will be inducted into office January 1, has designated G. F. Marcey, of Ballston, deputy sheriff, and "Zeke" Kins, as jailer. Mr. Marcey was deputy sheriff under late Sheriff Birch, and Mr. Kins is well qualified to serve as jailer.

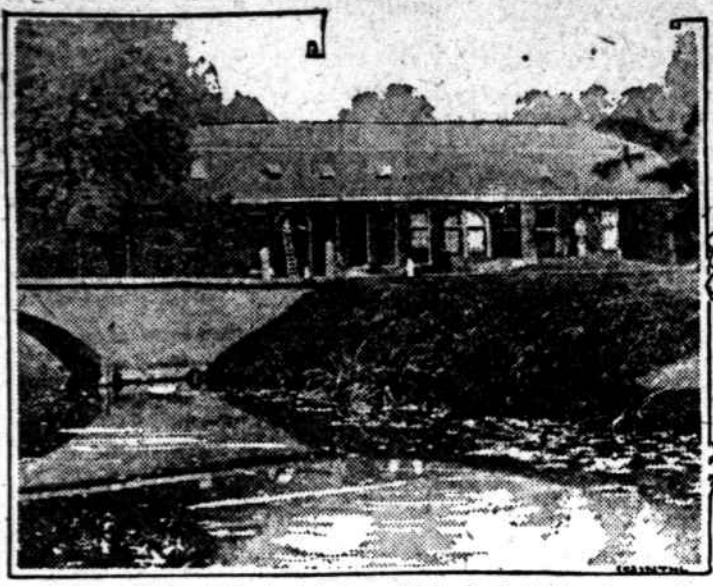
On January 10, 1920, the property of the Arlington Brewing Company, located at Rosslyn, will be sold at public auction. Rumors are that an artificial ice plant will supersede the brewery.

Engineer Garrett is putting the finishing touches on the Rosslyn-Bethesda road and expects soon to have it ready for travel. Home avenue, below the packing house, a continuation of this road, probably will await the plans for the approach to the Key Bridge before being improved.

The pupils of Cherrydale School will hold a Christmas entertainment in the school auditorium December 8, commencing at 8 o'clock. The entertainment is designed to provide funds for school purposes.

The December meeting of the Junior Missionary Society of the Bethesda Church was held last Sunday, and the following officers elected for 1920: President, Lillian Webster; first vice president, Evelyn Webster; second vice president, Ruth Germain; third vice president, Hazel Vero; secretary, Ethel Vero; treasurer, Ethel Vero; and Cora Cox.

FORMER KAISER MOVES TO DOORN



Doorn, Holland—Protected by a high, barbed-wire fence, the exiled Kaiser is now in his new home here, formerly occupied by the Baroness von Hoemstra. The stalls and part of the moat surrounding the property are shown above. On the grounds are many pagodas like the one at the side, which rests on whalebones.



U.S. WON WAR, SAYS PERSHING

American Troops Decisive Factor, General Asserts In His Report.

Out of the mouths of the allies as well as by the indisputable records of his army, Gen. John J. Pershing, in his final report as Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces, has proved that the United States forces were the decisive factor in the world war.

Contrasted with the modesty which has characterized his statements since his return from Europe, the record of accomplishments of the American Expeditionary Forces set forth by Gen. Pershing in his report, made public yesterday, is nothing short of amazing.

In his narrative of the events of the war two facts stand out.

They are: 1. That when the American forces entered the action the resources in man-power of the allies were greatly below that of the central empires; their morale was terribly shaken by the series of defeats they had suffered and they had no hope of ultimate victory except through the aid of the United States.

2. That after the American forces turned the tide of German success at Cantigny, Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood, the whole situation on the Western battle front was changed. From that time on the Germans were constantly in retreat. Gen. Pershing not only shows that it was the success of the American army in the Meuse-Argonne drives which led to the signing of the armistice, but he makes it clear that the successes which the French and British had on other fronts were to some extent due to the withdrawal by the Germans from those fronts of some of their best divisions to hurl them against the Americans in the hope of saving one of their main lines of communication—the Carignan-Sedan-Mezieres line—and thus keeping open the way to retreat from France and Belgium without certain disaster. Also, Gen. Pershing shows that the successes of the British and French were splendidly contributed to by the American contingents sent to their aid at their request.

For the aid which the allies gave to the American army in the Meuse-Argonne drive in violation of units and through the participation of four French divisions, Gen. Pershing expresses grateful appreciation and gives generous credit.

Freak Flowers Are Shown In Smithsonian Exhibit

Reproduction in water colors of 100 plants, painted from nature by Mrs. Charles D. Walcott in the Glacier National Park, will be on exhibition beginning tomorrow in the Smithsonian Institution.

The most interesting paintings are of the elephant head flower and the devil's club, which with its prickly spines a half-inch in length carries one's mind back to the cave-man days and seems an admirable weapon provided by nature for man's defense.

The varied kinds of orchids shown and lilies, a number of which are Alpine species, serve as a reminder that the United States is not behind other parts of the world in floral beauty even to the plants that grow on the "Alps of America."

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Motion pictures of American Catholics in war and reconstruction work at 8 o'clock tonight in Gonzaga College auditorium under auspices of Catholic Women's Service Club.

Sacred concert by Community Civic Center band, Prof. James E. Miller, leader, tonight in Zion Baptist Church. Singing of old negro religious melodies by a group of honor girls from National Training School for Girls at 8 o'clock tonight in Trinity Church.

Reception by Women's City Club from 4 to 7 o'clock this afternoon. Annual silver tea of the Friendship Branch of the Sunshine Society from 4 to 6 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. G. Graessle, apartment 101, the Albermarle.

Meeting of Georgetown Citizens' Association in Potomac Bank Hall, Wisconsin avenue and M street northwest, tomorrow night.

Meeting of the Anti-Saloon League of the District in lecture room of First Congregational Church at 8 o'clock tomorrow night.

"Sunbonnets," a play, presented by Good Shepherd Branch of Girls' Friendly Society in Parish Hall, Sixth and I streets northeast, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Illustrated lecture on their travels in Italy by the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Wood in New York Avenue Church tomorrow night.

Membership meeting in Hamline M. E. Church tomorrow night to close campaign for 1,000 members. Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, of Boston, will speak.

Meeting of the Rhode Island Avenue Suburban Citizens' Association in Sherwood Presbyterian Church Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

The Steel Ordnance Company will open tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock instead of Tuesday morning at that hour and announces that they desire all of their employees to report for work.

HELD FOR ASSAULT ON NEIGHBOR'S WIFE

Charged with assault on Mrs. Ole A. Helphensine, 24 years old, of 107 Second street northwest, Ollie T. Talbot, who lives with his wife on the third floor of the same residence, was arrested and locked up at the Sixth precinct last night.

Mrs. Helphensine and her husband occupy the first floor of the house. The police charge Talbot with entering in Helphensine's absence and attacking the young wife. The woman's screams attracted the attention of neighbors, it was said, who summoned the police.

Denver, Dec. 13.—Ellen Vallery, 21 years old, of Youngstown, Ohio, who was arrested as a hobo, in men's clothing, says that after six weeks of adventure as a drifting laborer, she has obtained enough material to write a book and is through with the road.

The Salvation Army Annual Christmas Activities for 1,000 Poor Children

Five hundred little white children Christmas gifts and entertainment, including box of candy, nuts and orange at the Cosmos Theater, 919 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, Christmas morning, December 25th, at 10 o'clock.

Five little colored kiddies Christmas treat at 622 T street northwest, Christmas morning at 10 o'clock.

Christmas Eve, December 24

Big Christmas dinner basket distribution to 600 mothers at the Salvation Army headquarters, 930 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, at 8 p. m.

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Remember the Salvation Army Christmas fund.

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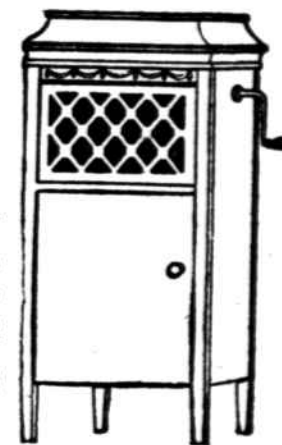
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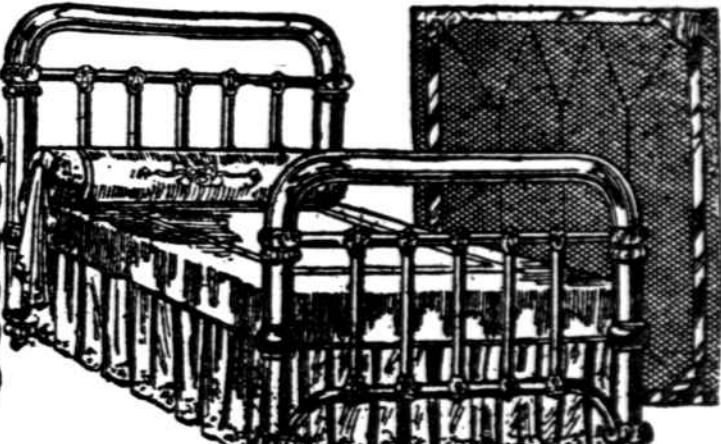
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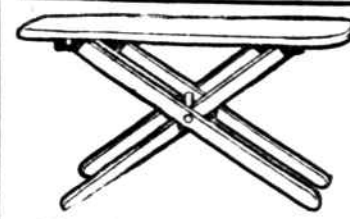
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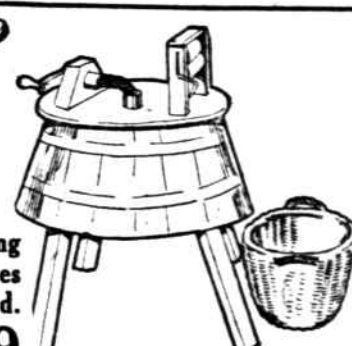


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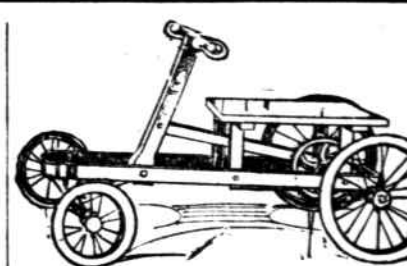


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